Many and varied were the suggestions made (among them one for the enthronement of a League of Nations monarch, who would hold his court with suitable pageantry at Geneva[13]), many and varied the enterprises launched, great the expenditure of energy and of passion, enormous the area of paper covered, heartfelt the vows taken,[14] undeniably sincere the words spoken. The pacifist ranks included disciples of Gandhi who held that life was sacred and should never be put out, as well as Marxists bloodthirstily eager to exterminate the bourgeoisie -and establish a dictatorship of the proletariat. There were those who followed Lord Davies in advocating an international force which would fall upon Covenant-breakers as efficaciously as policemen upon house-breakers, and those who, like Dr. Maud Royden, wanted a peace-army engaged to march between belligerents, forcing them either to suspend hostilities or shoot down unarmed and unresisting civilians. Women were advised, sometimes by men, to refuse to bear children as long as the possibility of war re-mained; conferences were held and demanded; petitions were frequent, and armament manufacturers boldly denounced both in prose and in verse.

So great a diversity of pacifists and pacifist-activities inevitably led to clashes, especially as pacifists tend to be somewhat aggres-sive in temperament. The violence in action which they abhor appears to get transferred to their opinions, as ascetics who renounce sensual pleasure sometimes find it necessary to indulge in sensual pain. Peace demonstrations were often more vehement than recruiting meetings; the course of the League of Nations Union proved more troubled than that of the Navy League, and

an international gathering of pacifists held in Paris in November 1931, ended in angry disputes, and at last in fighting so violent that the police had to be called in.

Apart from hopes of ensuring peace by some particular device,

[13] See *Which Way To-morrow?* by Noreen Blyth.

[14] For instance by members of the Peace Pledge Union —'We renounce War and never again, directly or indirectly, will we support or sanction another/